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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

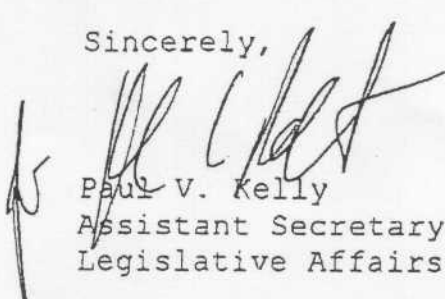
Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification concerns exports of technical data and defense services for the sale, delivery and support of the ASTRA 1KR and ASTRA 1L commercial communications satellites to Luxembourg and, in the case of the former, subsequent launch from French Guiana.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,



Paul V. Kelly
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.